



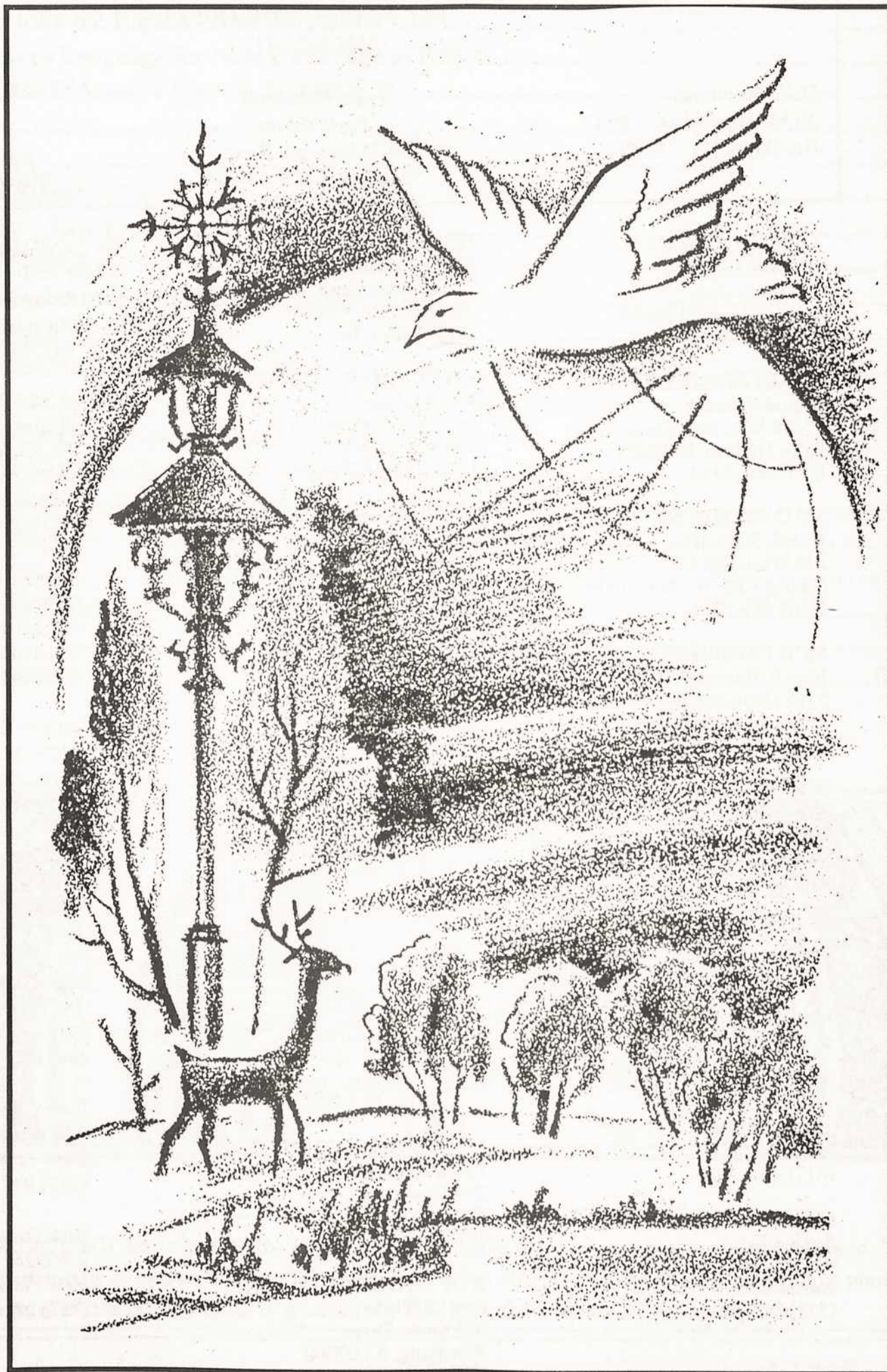
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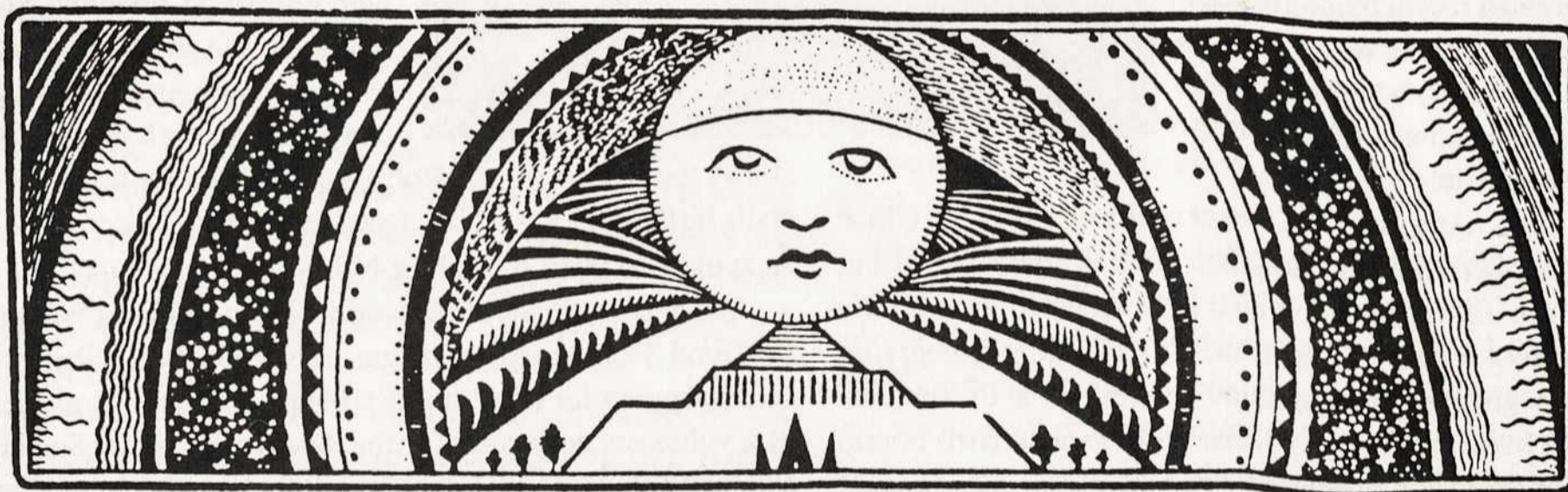
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ANN JILLIAN'S BIOGRAPHY

Our Lithuanian Star

An accomplished veteran of motion pictures, television, stage and nightclubs, Ann Jillian (Jurate Nauseda) has been a part of show business for almost all her life. She is a three time Emmy Nominee and Golden Globe winning actress and singer.

Ann's interest in show business was fostered at age six by her Lithuanian-born mother when her family moved from her hometown of Cambridge, MA to Los Angeles. On her tenth birthday, she won the role of Little Bo Peep in Walt Disney's film classic, "Babes in Toyland". Exactly one year later she played the memorable role of Dainty June in the film "Gypsy" with Natalie Wood and Rosalind Russell. Ann continued performing through high school and later obtained a scholarship to the Los Angeles Civic Light Opera, which gave her a chance to study acting and music with some of the finest teachers in the country.

Ann made her Broadway debut in the original company of the hit musical "Sugar Babies" with Mickey Rooney in 1979. After "Sugar Babies" she headed straight from Broadway to Hollywood - a trip that has certainly proven worthwhile.

Her most recent made-for-television film, "Little White Lies", a romantic comedy which co-starred Tim Matheson, was filmed on location in Rome.

In 1988, Ann won the "Best Actress", Golden Globe Award for her role in the poignant made-for-television film, "The Ann Jillian Story" which also received two Emmy nominations for her and the film. This autobiographical film received great critical acclaim as well as a tremendous viewing audience, making it the highest-rated (two hours) made for television film of the 1987-88 season. Most importantly, "The Ann Jillian Story" brought Ann's message about the hopeful side of breast cancer to millions of viewers.

Ann's illustrious career also includes Emmy nominations for her performance in "Ellis Island", a 1984 mini-series which starred Richard Burton and for starring in "Mae West", a 1982 made-for-television film for which Ann also

received a Golden Globe nomination. Additional made-for-television films and mini series in which she has starred include "Original Sin" co-starring with Charlton Heston, "Convicted: A Mother's Story", "Killer in the Mirror", "Alice in Wonderland" and "Malibu" co-starring James Colburn, Kim Novak and Eva Marie Saint.

Ann starred in the television series "Ann Jillian", "Jennifer Slept Here" and "It's a Living". Her feature film cred-

its include the hit "Mr. Mom" with Michael Keaton. Her very productive television career started when she was in her teens with roles in "Ben Casey", "Twilight Zone" and "Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color" as well as a semi-regular role on "Hazel".

Ann often takes her concert act to stages around the world. She has sung with the L.A. Pops, Atlanta, Delaware and Ohio Symphony Orchestras. A return engagement for Ann was with the Delaware Symphony Pops this past September. Ann is under exclusive contract to Trump Plaza Hotel in Atlantic City, making three headlining appearances there each year. She has frequently performed with Bob Hope, traveling with him to Beirut in 1983 and recently to Saudi Arabia to entertain troops for the holiday USO

shows there. Ann joined Bob Hope in 1989 on his eighty-sixth birthday TV special, taped in Paris, France and his Acapulco, Mexico special for NBC-TV.

Ann was voted one of the world's Most Admired Women by Good Housekeeping magazine's 1990 poll. She is a spokeswoman for St. Vincent's Meals-On-Wheels, as well as a volunteer performer for the American Cancer Society and the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Ann also is a volunteer for the USO and the Disabled American Veteran Hospital program.

Throughout her career, the talented Ann Jillian has avoided being slotted into any one category. As an actress, singer and a humanitarian, she continues to grow and make friends along the way.





Wherever I Am Needed

Ruth Hutton

The earliest memory Tony Saulaitis has is finding a carrot on the street. He was in East Prussia (now eastern Poland) where he and his family had fled in 1940 after the Soviet invasion of Lithuania. They were just a few of the thousands of cold and hungry refugees from all over Eastern Europe and finding even a dried-up carrot was a sensational moment for a little boy. I asked Fr. Saulaitis what he did with it and he smiled, "Oh, well, I was so happy, I took it home to my parents for our meal."

The kindness that caused a hungry child to take the carrot back to his parents is apparent in the gentle man sitting opposite me in the parlor of the Lithuanian Jesuit residence in southwest Chicago. He is a big, calm, bearded man with a musical voice and a very clear way of enunciating, which alone suggests his non-English-speaking origins. Though the parlor is warm and the smell of cooking fills the halls, Tony has not forgotten what it was like to be landless, confused, and frightened, nor has he lost his sense of wonder at small things. He has a boy's enthusiasm when he remembers the carrot, and when he recalls a rabbit found in the woods, shot with buckshot, he grins: "There was a big feast that night, I can tell you."

Though Tony's family always spoke Lithuanian, he has not lived there since he was one and a half years old. Tony's father discovered from friends that he was on the Soviet lists for deportation, so Tony, his parents, and grandmother fled across the border to East Prussia. "My younger sister was born three days after we left, so it was rather urgent. We spent two or three years in East Prussia before ending up in Augsburg."



Fr. Antanas Saulaitis, SJ, is superior of the Lithuanian community of Jesus in Chicago. Their Lithuanian Youth Center is the setting for a folk dance (above) traditionally performed on weddings. During the years when it was difficult to maintain contact with Lithuania, Fr. Saulaitis was acting provincial for Lithuanian Jesuits in places as diverse as Chicago, Cleveland, Montreal, Uruguay, India and Africa.

The camp had a large Lithuanian population, so Tony maintained Lithuanian language ability and some Lithuanian culture. When he began school, classes were in Lithuanian. But Tony remembers many families during the war crowded into small, cold accommodations. There was never enough food and people would steal potatoes from the fields or buy a cow or horse illegally from the Germans and "slaughter it in some fourth-floor apartment."

Every afternoon, Tony and his sister would take naps on boxes that were their beds. Since the Americans bombarded every day around 1:30, "I asked my grandmother why we

couldn't go to bed in the bomb shelters so we didn't have to get up in the middle of it."

Though jobs for refugees were scarce, his father did volunteer work for the Red Cross and eventually found work in a German print shop. Tony's mother, an English teacher who spoke nine languages, worked as a translator and often interceded for Eastern Europeans who would otherwise be sent back to their own countries by the Americans. She also worked for the U.S. counter-intelligence network, so knew a lot of confidential information she could never have revealed.

"Children could easily give their parents away without knowing, so we were never aware of taking sides or who was the enemy. I only found out later that my father listened to BBC reports on the radio, which was forbidden. When U.S. tanks rolled in, in May 1945, I remember asking my parents, 'Will things be better now?' This shows I had no opinion."

Though very young, Tony was aware "this was not home." Germans were not particularly friendly to outsiders, and when the U.S. servicemen's children moved in, the Lithuanian children would throw rocks at them, thinking they were Germans. There is no judgment, rather almost bemusement, in his voice as he says, "Kids are kids."

The first church Tony remembers was one where he took catechism classes in German. "At home, we were taught by my parents about moral faith and trust in God — and that's not academic when bombs are falling." He remembers bombs falling and children playing. "I don't know what notion a kid has of death."

Tony's greatest fear during those years was that his family would be separated. In the early years he would not let his father go to the bathroom alone, he was so afraid of losing him. "When the family was in East Prussia, my father got the last train out of Berlin to join us. I remember watching a man walking toward our house and thinking, 'That's my father; he looks like an old man.' He was thirty-something."

The family (except his grandmother, who stayed in Germany) sailed to New York in May 1949, a trip that took ten days. The first thing Tony saw was the Statue of Liberty. "The funny thing was, I knew what it meant, though I was only nine." They were given the standard \$2 arrival stipend and took a train for Waterbury, CT, where there was a large Lithuanian community, including their sponsors. Although he went to American schools, Tony kept up Lithuanian with teachers and others of the community.

He says he had thought about becoming a priest from a very early age. He wanted to help people, and the Jesuits

seemed to offer him a way to do this. After his training, which he finished at the Weston School in Cambridge, MA, Tony asked to go to South America. He remembers reading an article by Fr. Ivan Illich, working in Mexico, who said one of the biggest sacrifices is to leave your own culture and to translate yourself into another language, way of thinking and doing things.

This appealed to Fr. Saulaitis. In 1970 he went to Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he stayed seven years. There were four priests for the 3,000 Lithuanian families that settled there when North America was closed to immigration. They were very poor, working mainly in factories. "It was very hard work to visit every family once a year, to see if there was something we could do for them — often visiting from ten in the morning until ten at night, but very good work." He learned Portuguese and submerged himself in another cul-

ture. "It is a whole different pace of life down there. If I have to wait in a supermarket line here I get impatient, whereas waiting five hours for a document there was nothing."

He speaks fondly of the Brazilian ability to do without words. "Americans are very verbal. There, it is more important to just *be* with someone, quietly — not to shock or push someone with language. Even Jesus Christ, it's not so much the words he said — the wisdom he had was being *with* strangers.

"Brazilians have a tradition that if you are eating, and someone walks by, you say, 'Would you like some?' They are not expected to accept it; it is just a civility. Another Brazilian belief is that you should never part in anger. If you have a disagreement, even if you will continue it the next day, you have to shake hands and make peace before you go away." It is clear, from the way Fr. Saulaitis talks about the war of his childhood and the current conflict in the Persian Gulf, that he is a peacemaker. "War is not an answer," he says, sadly. "It only makes things worse, creating a new set of problems."

Fr. Saulaitis came back to the States in 1977, where he is now provincial of the Lithuanian Jesuit community in Chicago, a city with a large Lithuanian population. The complex contains a church, rectory, youth center, and Lithuanian museum. He ran the youth center 24 hours a day, seven days a week; his affection for kids is obvious when he talks about them. "I like to encourage and help them I have great difficulty *telling* people what to do." A lay board now runs the center and Fr. Saulaitis turned some of his attention to the parish, where he lives with ten other Lithuanian priests. He does a lot of translating and some counseling, he works with youth groups and at summer camps for kids, and of course,



continues to promote the welfare of the people in Lithuania.

He and his fellow priests work hard to maintain Lithuanian culture in exile. "You can't get them to cook much squash or corn around here," he grins. He says he speaks Lithuanian about half the time. He is encouraged by the recent progress in Lithuania, though maintaining skepticism. He has been back there in 1987 and 1989. He talks about how strange it was for the first time in his life to hear everyone speaking Lithuanian and to see first-hand the monuments and churches he had seen pictures of his whole life.

There is a Jesuit provincial for Lithuania in the country now, but when Fr. Saulaitis used to visit there in the course of duties, KGB followed him all the time he was there. He talks of the suffering of the Lithuanians and his great respect for them. "With half a million people sent to Siberia, every family has or knows someone who died or was exiled by Stalin. But people there are dedicated in a very quiet way to going about whatever they are doing. I met people who suffered in Siberia. I felt so in awe of them, I didn't know what to say."

Chicago Lithuanians have sent books and toys, and plan to send food if things get bad enough. "But with the Soviets still operating the borders, it is impossible to know what gets in."

Tony works to get the United States to come through with promised humanitarian aid for the Baltic countries. How would he feel about returning to Lithuania to work? "I am really an American in my way of thinking and customs, but of course I would go wherever I am asked to go, whenever I am needed. In a religious sense, it would mean going back 50 years and going through Vatican II all over again."

Fr. Saulaitis does not claim to have suffered horribly. He considers himself lucky; he did not go to Siberia nor was his family separated. He passes to others a peace from deep within, a kindness fashioned from a childhood of war. "I want to help people become conscious of themselves, their rights, and their gifts," he says. But he is modest and quiet in his work. When I comment on his tranquility despite a busy schedule, he shrugs and smiles, "I just have low blood pressure, I guess."

We walk out into the night, he with no coat. It is snowing, and I think of a scene he had described, of him and his sister looking into the window of a bakery but having to eat acorns in the park instead. He is not thinking of those times now, though. He is smiling farewell and scraping the ice from my windshield with a gloveless hand.

The Company-American Jesuits

JUNE - BIRŽELIS

Joseph Yanulaitis

A favorite tree among the Lithuanian peasants is the birch — beržas - from which we get the word Birželis or birch tree month. It is in the sixth month of the year that the birch trees sprout their tender yellow leaves. Young birches are cut down and fastened to animals, door posts, lintels, eaves and beams of the peasant cottages and of the churches not only on Pentecost Sunday but for other occasions as well. People inserted birch branches under the roof or at least along the ceiling so that when the Holy Spirit (pictured as a white dove) flies into the home, it has a place to perch and rest. "Kad Šventoji Dvasia turėtų kur nutūpti." Birch trees were also used to frame the Corpus Christi altars. The leaves were dried and used to obtain a yellow substance for egg dying at Easter. The wood is used for carving wooden spoons and other kitchen utensils.

Pentecost, derived from the Greek Pente meaning 50th day after Easter; in Lithuania it is called Sekminės, which means seventh derived from the ordinal number Sekmas - the seventh week after Easter. In Christian Europe, Pentecost ranks third in the calendar of feasts after Easter and Christmas. Contrary to the American merchandisers and many a Catholic American, Easter is the greatest feast on the calen-

dar and not Christmas, because as St. Paul said, "If Christ had not risen, then our faith is in vain." If He had not risen, our religion would have ended with His burial. Pentecost was the great Spring festival in Europe and was celebrated for three days. Even in present day pagan England, Whitsunday and Whitmonday are still holidays when people flock to the shore resorts to open the summer season much as we do in this country on Memorial Day.

As alluded above, the farmers decorated their porches and homes with young birch and maple branches and the shepherds whom we would call cow boys, made wreaths of daisies and other field flowers to festoon the horns of their cows and sheep as they led them out of the barns for the first time to the summer pastures and meadows.

On Corpus Christi, Devintinė, the faithful joined in the outdoor processions during which the Blessed Sacrament was brought out from the village church in solemn procession and visited four altars at various places in the village. They were usually the crossroad where the highway met the village road, the parish cemetery and the town square. At each location, appropriate prayers were offered for the protection, sustenance and thanksgivings of the inhabitants.

Feast of St. John the Baptist June 24

The feast of the Nativity, or birth, of St. John the Baptizer is observed on June 24 and is one of the oldest feasts in the liturgy of the Church or better known in Lithuanian as "Joninés". He was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, a cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Tradition places the home and birthplace of St. John near the village of Ain-Karim, six miles west of Jerusalem, where a Franciscan church marks the site. The church is called "St. John in the Mountains."

While the feast of other saints is celebrated on the day of their death, when their final victory is won, the birthday of St. John the Baptist is his birth date, June 24, and is ranked among the joyous feasts of the year. In many lands, it was observed with greater holiday rejoicing and greater outward

display than in our age. On the eve of St. John's Day, "St. John's fires" were lighted on the hills and mountains in many countries, and are still lighted in some places. In more recent times, bonfires were lit for recreation. The young and old sang and danced. It is related that one magic event takes place on St. John's night: the fern (papartis) blooms. The plant is green and luxurious and it grew everywhere. It has no seeds and the question remains, how did it propagate? The fern's bloom is sparkling red or rainbow colored light. It opens at exactly midnight on St. John's night and only blooms for a twinkling of the eye.

On June 24, we wish all Johns a happy feast day.

Durbin Secures Language for New Direct Aid to Baltics

U.S. Rep. Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.) announced that language he included in the 1992 Budget Resolution urging the President and Congress to revise current policies regarding assistance to the Baltic States and suggesting that the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) play an active role in the development of the Baltic States was adopted by the House Budget Committee.

"I am pleased that the Budget Committee has endorsed my proposal," Durbin said. "While the brave people of the Baltic States of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia continue to stand up to the political oppression by Moscow, it is vital that the U.S. continue to search for ways to help these struggling democracies."

The Resolution encourages democratic reforms in the Baltic States and suggests that the Administration and Congress revise current aid policies during the Baltics' transition from communism to democracy as they have done with other Eastern European nations. In addition, the Resolution encourages the EBRD to adopt lending practices for the Baltic States that are the same as those for Central and Eastern Europe.

On April 12, Lithuania's first lady Grazina Landsbergis said "We are not afraid of repercussions. We have to do what we have to do and we are in the right. Lithuania will be free."

The full House will consider the Budget Resolution and its passage will send a strong signal to Grazina Landsbergis and all the Baltic people that the U.S. supports their con-

tinuing struggle for freedom and self-determination. Durbin added that while the Budget Resolution is simply a blueprint outlining targets and goals for the Appropriations Committee, it's the first step in implementing a new policy toward the Baltics. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development was established last year as part of and "Emerging Democracies" initiative to promote freedom and invest in international development.

In February, Durbin traveled to the Baltic States of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia where he met with Baltic leaders to discuss their struggle for freedom and the recent Soviet crackdown in the region. "During my trip, I saw first-hand the heroic battle being fought in the Baltics. In all three Baltic States, the determination and courage of these people was remarkable. I believe their strength will endure and eventually lead to freedom."



Speech of Sen. Alphonse D'Amato on the occasion of 73rd Anniversary of Lithuanian Declaration of Independence given on February 17, 1991 in Brooklyn, New York

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It's good to be home. (Applause). Let me say (sound problem). Is that Gorbachev fooling around with the microphone? (Laughter).

I came back from the Baltics and Moscow just this past Saturday morning. I left to go there last Monday evening. So in a very short period of time, we averaged two or three hours of sleep. We crammed in a lot, and I'll tell you what I saw.

We went to Estonia. We were in Riga in Latvia. And then we went to see the big bear. And let me tell you what has taken place in this country is that Gorby mania swept the country. People began to believe what they wanted to and they disregarded the facts.

People were heralding Mr. Gorbachev as the great saviour, as the great friend of democracy. And they would say about people, people like Yeltsin, they would say, "He's terrible, he's a wacko." They would say about people, like President Landsbergis of Lithuania, "Agh! He's a musician, he doesn't know. He has no feeling." Even our own State Department bought into that philosophy!

Well, let me tell you about the people of Lithuania. Let me tell you about Yeltsin. Let me tell you about Landsbergis. And I've been there, and I don't need to see the documentary, maybe some do. But I saw where fourteen were killed, where 600 were wounded. And I see now where the Soviet tanks keep the Lithuanian voice quiet. I have to tell you that President Landsbergis is a patriot because he stands for freedom! Freedom for the Lithuanian people! (Applause).

And my friends, freedom is something that cannot, nor ever should it be compromised. You know you are either for freedom and democracy or you are opposed to it. Mr. Gorbachev now is opposed to freedom and it's about time the world and this country, and our President and our Congress had the nerve to stand up and say to him, "Put up or shut up!" Give the Baltics, and the people of Lithuania their freedom and their independence, and their right to choose! (Applause).

Let me tell you, we got there several days after one of the most dramatic testimonials to the rights of people to stand and to choose, to worship as they will, to have their independence. When 90% of the voters who came out to vote, and it was more, let me tell you why. Because some people in marking the ballots did not cross off the NO and they circled the YES. But even with the votes that they throw out, more than 90% of the people who voted, and 85% voted, voted for freedom, and voted for independence. And independence is what the United States of America should recognize right now! (Applause).

Now you see, there are some who only wait to come before a Lithuanian crowd, and then they'll tell you what you want to hear. That's not good enough! What you have to have, and what we need, and what America is about, is standing up for morality, standing up for justice, standing up even when it's not easy, standing up even

when it's not a crowd that is for a certain cause. And standing up for a cause because they are right, they are moral, and they are just! Either the United States of America stands for people and their rights, and for freedom and democracy, or we don't! There's no halfway free people! They're either free or they're not! And right now the Baltics are not free! And right now the United States should not be giving the Soviet Union most favored status, nor should they be giving them taxpayers' money to help their economy or to help a Communist government! (Applause).

And as long, as long as the Soviets, as long as the Russians, enslave people, keep them And by the way, we shouldn't have to thank them because they don't shoot us all down! I mean are we supposed to say, "Well, thank you. You only killed 14 of our people." Should we say, "Well, thank you, because you have a hundred thousand of your troops ready to come in, but you didn't come in and take the Parliament yet." Should we say, "Oh, thank you, because you let us practice our religion, whatever it is. Oh, thank you for letting us exist. Oh, thank you for taking what exists and not plundering us far worse. Oh, thank you because you lifted the economic blockade!"

I never knew that! I never knew that for the very breath of life, for the ability to do what people, what God's people, have given as the right to be free, to be individuals, to speak, to talk, to elect our own, to choose our own, we have to say thank you. And I have to tell you something the United States should not be subsidizing people who keep other people enslaved, and we shouldn't be giving the Soviet Union taxpayers' dollars or any other aid. Think about that! (Applause).

You know probably the greatest speech, that at least I've heard, came from a great patriot, because he stood up when the whole world looked the other way. Now he did have some help. He had the church that was pushing, and they were, and they were under fierce attack. And when he came to the Congress of the United States, and all the big politicians showed up, and Congress was filled, he said, "You know, ten years ago you all made fun of us." (And you can think of whom I'm talking about). And he said "I won't mention the country, and you all said, "Those crazy so-and-so's, they should keep quiet, what's wrong with them, they're rocking the boat! Don't they know that they're going to make it bad for us?" And he said, "You didn't care. Those of you in the West, there were many who said, Tell them to keep quiet. They're disturbing things!" And the fact we didn't have freedom, didn't matter. We should be quiet because someday, someday things would be better." And he went on to say, "We were not quiet. And, even against the advice of those who said, 'Go slow' we continued. We continued to march, to demonstrate, to pray, to be beaten, to be shot, to be imprisoned, but we never gave up our demand for freedom." And they did attain it. And they're still having to fight. Because they're transforming a system

that has been plunged on them, put on them. And he went on to say, "And you all made fun of us. You said, 'Oh, they don't want to work, they're lazy. They're this, they're that!' He said, "How could you say that! We never had a chance. We were conquered, divided, usurped. We had either the Germans ruling us or the Soviets." It was a great speech.

And you know something, that speech could be made, said in the (inaudible) exact sentiments that are taking place today. We have members of Congress who say, "Well, don't rock the boat". Why is it? Is it because we don't have millions and millions of Lithuanians here in the United States, or is it because we don't have millions in the Baltics, because we don't have great political power? Does that determine what is right? Is that how we're going to make our judgments? Do we have tens of millions? Well, then you stand up because politically you've got to stand up to answer? Have we lost the moral courage to do what's right because it's the right thing? Do we say that we'll allow ten million people to be enslaved because they don't have great political numbers? I think that's a disgrace!

And I'll tell you something. I think the Lithuanian community should go out and enlist everybody in the cause. And the cause should be, and say, "Until our people are free, until they have their own voice decided by their own fate, and not by the fate of Gorbachev or anyone else in the Soviet Union. Until that takes place, then we oppose giving any aid, one dime to the Soviet Union. It should not be. You don't pay people to enslave others, you don't help them! (Applause).

And I would like to see those sometime moralists. The only thing they raise their voices is when they think they're going to get a little attention. I wonder why the anti-war mongers, the anti-war protestors, why aren't they protesting Gorbachev's killing of Lithuanians? Aren't the deaths of Lithuanians, aren't we citizens, don't they have a right? Where are they? Where are these sanctimonious hypocrites who all they want to do is put down the country of the United States. And let me say this to you right now, God bless our young men and women in the Gulf and may they triumph over evil because theirs is a just cause. God bless them! (Applause).

And maybe, maybe I'm kind of old-fashioned, and maybe it's because my Dad during World War II, he taught me during time of war it was an obligation of all Americans, all Americans, to come together to support our President and to support our troops. And I'll suggest to you that I'm sick and tired as one of just watching the media whip our military people, criticize them because that's exactly what they're doing about the civilian casualties. Have they forgotten who started this horrible war? Have they forgotten who raped and who pillaged? Have they forgotten who threatened to exterminate those who oppose him by use of chemical weapons? Who's built his chemical weapons factories! Who's built his nuclear facilities! They should be saying, "Thank God the United States has had the courage to stand up and to confront evil and not the world over."

So let me tell you about the Lithuanian people. You can't believe it! After having been shot down and seeing the tanks roll

over their people, after having seen a hundred thousand Soviet black beret troops come in there, they haven't given up. After fifty years, they haven't given up and they're not going to give up. Their will and their determination and their spirit and their courage, and their belief in God Almighty sustains them. And we should let them know that we're not going to forsake them, that we're not going to keep quiet, that we're going to stand with them, that we're going to fight with them, encourage them. Stand and raise your voice! These are dark days, these are difficult days. And let me tell you, it's not just the Baltics that are under attack. The forces of democracy and freedom, they are the ones that the Communists are trying to roll back, and do you know why? Power!

If you go to the Soviet Union, you see it's empty. It's a shell! The only people who have anything are the KGB leaders, the military leaders, and the Communist party bosses. They are the only ones that have the food. They are the only ones who have guns. They're the only ones who have the control as a result of fear. And we didn't get this far, and we didn't see the Berlin Wall fall because we tried to do business and be nice guys with him.

And you know I'm going to vary a little. There's one person, God bless him, who had the courage and didn't the media go after him, and didn't they attack him? And he had the courage to say early on, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" And I'm talking about Ronald Reagan, our great President. (Applause). At least he stood up. And he called the Soviet system for what it is. And every once in a while on TV, they'll say, "Oh yeah". And they'll make fun of him because he said it was an evil empire. Well, by gosh, it was and it is an evil empire when it keeps people from choosing their own destiny! When it enslaves people! (Applause). And what's wrong, and since when is it something terrible by saying it's an evil empire? is it a good empire? Is it a government that cares for its people? For their hopes and aspirations? Is it a government that attempts to respond to their needs? Or is it a government that exists merely for the handful at the top, to aggrandize them, to keep them in power? I think it's about time that we forgot the niceties. When you have a killer, he's a killer! You know I can't believe Saddam Hussein! We go around and we call him the President! President of what? Nobody elected him. He's a dictator! When we end that war, where we end it, and we're going to win it, Saddam Hussein will be removed from power. It would be a disgrace if he were to be left in power! It would be wrong! (Applause).

Now I told you the great faith and hope the people of Lithuania have. And they have courage. And they are now manning the Parliament building. No guns, they have sandbags. They have themselves! The Soviets are looking to cut them off from the outside world and that's why they took over the television station, taking over the printing presses, taking over the voice so that they can't communicate with their people and let others know what is taking place. And you know why the Soviets moved when and where they did. They waited for the cover of the events in the Middle East just as they did when they sent their hordes and their tanks and their masses in 1956 into Hungary to suppress them. They waited for the



events in the Suez Canal in '56. And so the world was transfixed with what was taking place in the Suez Canal they sent their marauders in. And so they are using the events of the Middle East to mask their occupation, their suppression of the Baltics!

And I say to you that we have an obligation to stand now and to fight now! And don't be cowed and don't let them say, "Oh, don't we need the Soviets for the Middle East?" It's someone you can count on only when it benefits them. It's someone who will eventually do you in. And the Soviets will. And they respect what? Power. They respect might. We've got the power. We have the might, and we have the moral principles on our side. And when you've got the moral principle on your side, then you must stand! This Tuesday I will be introducing legislation. Yes, I've introduced legislation that calls for the recognition for the Baltics. But I'm practical. I understand and I know, that we're not going to get the administration to make that kind of quantum leap. But I tell you this - if we can keep the voice of the people of Lithuania free and open - if we can let those television stations and, yes, those radio stations and the printing press, be able to broadcast the messages, and let the people of the world, and let the people of Lithuania understand what's happening. That powerful voice, the voice of freedom, the

light of what is happening will serve to see to it that the bondage, the chains the Soviets would like to keep on them, will be broken!

And so I'm introducing a bill that says that unless the Soviets stop suppressing the press, unless the Soviets can guarantee, and unless there is a guarantee of freedom of the press, of the TV, on the radio, by the Lithuanians, then any aid programs that we have established since December of last year will be cut off! And I'm going to work (Applause). I'm going to work to see that we pass this bill. I believe we can pass it! And if that's what it takes Gorbachev to take his hands off of the Lithuanian people and to permit free press, then that's what we have to do. And this is just the beginning of that fight. I don't think there was anyone who would have thought that we could have come so far, and we have come so far. When I say we, those who have an understanding and respect for the dignity of men and women, for human beings to be denied at this point in time. And if it takes one beating, two beatings, ten beatings, six months, a year. If it takes political rallies, if it takes us doing whatever we have to do, we're going to do it because we have an obligation to stand up for the cause of freedom wherever and whenever people need freedom.

Thank you and God bless you. (Applause).

LETTERS

POLAND SYMPATHIZES WITH LITHUANIA

When we committed forces to the Persian Gulf, I had no doubt that we would win an armed conflict with the Iraqis. I wondered, however, what was the geopolitical purpose of our intervention. Now I really wonder.

We were told what Saddam Hussein was a monster akin to Hitler and that he represented a threat to world peace. Already armed with chemical weapons, he was working hard to acquire a nuclear capability, so we were told. Now we have decided to leave that butcher in power, presumably to give him time to build a nuclear weapon before we face him again. And while he slaughters his own people, our troops stand still and General Schwartzkopf is humiliated for suggesting - rather reasonably - that we stopped too soon.

For shame. By our act of omission, we have stained our own hands with the blood of those Iraqis who hoped to free themselves of Saddam Hussein. We could have prevented the massacre - not only could we have prevented it, we could have done so with almost ridiculous ease and to our own long-term benefit. There is no excuse.

Three questions.

First, would an examination of the diplomatic archives reveal that Mikhail Gorbachev was NOT unsuccessful in staying our hand and preserving his Iraqi client?

Second, Mr. Bush avoiding intervention in Iraq's "inter-

nal affairs" in order to set the stage for similar "restraint" when Mr. Gorbachev begins to murder Lithuanians, Ukrainians and others who want their own freedom?

Third, is this episode an indicator of what Mr. Bush's "new world order" is supposed to be? - *Waclaw Bakierowski*

WANTS MORE LITHUANIAN IN VYTIS

I wish to respond to an article under LETTERS TO THE EDITOR appearing in March 1991 VYTIS entitled, "Not Too Much Lithuanian, Please".

Whether in the minority or majority, some of us Lithuanian-Americans can speak and read (a little) Lithuanian. We want to see Lithuanian articles and, if possible, the English equivalent, especially conversational and stories. This would help us learn and salvage some of our language which we inherited from our parents. We are concerned that with the passage of time, Lithuanian would disappear entirely. The March and April issues of Vytis only had "one" poem each in its publications. A request will be made to "Darbininkas" to partially print some English translations of selected "lighter" news events. Weak Lithuanian readers can then more readily pick up some of the difficult expressions. Your dedicated efforts have made Vytis an excellent magazine.

Bruno Rutkunas,

Pres. C-#110 Maspeth, NYLETTERS (Cont'd)

*LETTERS (Cont'd)***BALTIC BORES**

The following Letter appeared in The Washington Post under FREE FOR ALL:

Can you spare us the letters, usually with Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian signatures, that you dutifully publish regularly? The writers always vehemently and monotonously stress the independence of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and how these countries have been wickedly trampled upon by the Soviets.

The independence of those three nations lasted only 20 years, from 1920 to 1940. Estonia and Latvia had become Russian provinces in 1721, when Peter the Great wrested them from Sweden; thus, until 1920, they had belonged to Russia for 199 years. Lithuania, which was a part of Poland, became a Russian province in 1795, under Catherine the Great; until 1920 it had remained a Russian territory for 125 years. So what is this noise about the 20-year independence?

Boris W. Boguslavsky

ANDTHE REPLY FOLLOWS:

COLD, COLD, COLD

Well, Boris Boguslavsky, you certainly got the attention of us Baltic Bores [Free for All, March 16]. Forgive us for our monotonous missives about freedom and independence; we had no idea that these issues were so trivial. To dismiss them as you do is cold and callous; all Americans came from another place for a better life. Surely the Boguslavskys are not obscure native Americans. They too came here for freedom and independence. The rest of the world should be so lucky as to experience what most Americans take for granted. In many places, you and I could not disagree so publicly. To tune out freedom is to encourage tyranny.

Kay A. Yankoski
C-#142 Washington, DC

TIPS FOR VYTIS READERS

1. Remember that Americans (NOT Lithuanian Americans, of course) have short attention spans, and it is very important to keep Lithuania in the newspapers. We are aware of those who in ignorance, usually, who prefer the status-quo "don't rock the boat" philosophy of International relations.

2. Be brief but articulate and accurate. Most Americans see themselves as busy people. A short accurate and to the point article gets more readers than a long academic style dissertation.

3. Be very familiar with history: ancient and modern.

The ELTA Bulletin is an excellent source of material not available in the American press. One fallacy which is common that we must always expose is the pro-Soviet lie that Lithuania was only briefly independent between the wars.

4. Use a moderate but persuasive theme. Refer to Lithuania's enemies as "pro-Union (Gorbachev" apologists rather than what we actually think of them.

5. Always have something for later, for instance, the lie "all that the USSR has done for Lithuania". We all know, for example, how great a loss 300,000 of some of Lithuania's best citizens were, and that the living standard in 1938 was comparable to Scandinavia vis a vis what it is now in the same comparison.

6. Most important of all — Right and God are on our side. There are infinitely more prayers for Lithuania than the CPSU! Never allow yourself to feel intimidated.

7. The same plan works for radio talk shows. Recently I debunked a Soviet apologist and the talk show host said he was glad to have someone with actual facts to present. I wound up talking about Lithuania for a fair amount of time.

Yours for a free and Independent Lithuania!

Jim Stapleton, Memphis, TN

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN SENKEWICZ
C-110 Maspeth, NY
† March 2, 1991

NELLIE DENCHY
C-144 Anthracite, PA
† April 20, 1991

GENEVIEVE BUGENIS
C-110 Maspeth, NY
† April 26, 1991

WHAT'S IN A SLOGAN?



Photo: A. Cizauskas, Jr.

Baltimore American Lithuanians protesting near Soviet embassy.

The May Day parade in Red Square was opened to public participation for the first time. A listing of the May Day slogans follows, approved by the Communist Party and the unofficial slogans shouted by the unofficial demonstrators or appearing on their signs:

OFFICIAL SLOGANS

Democracy Yes. Demagoguery No.
 Enough Experiments. Let's Work.
 Market Economy Yes. Unemployment No.
 May — For Unity and Friendship of Peoples of the U.S.S.R.

Peace, Freedom, Creation, Progress, Democracy.
 Let Universal Human Values Prevail.
 We Want to Live, Not Exist.
 For Real Labor, Real Wages.
 We're Strong When We're Together.

UNOFFICIAL SLOGANS

Today a Blockade of Lithuania, Tomorrow a Blockade of Moscow.

Kremlin Ceausescu: From Armchairs to Prison Beds.
 Down with the Red Fascist Empire.
 Down with the K.G.B.!
 Down With the Cult of Lenin.
 Food is Not a Luxury.
 Seventy-Two Years on the Road to Nowhere.
 The Only Property Owed to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union Should be Lenin Monuments and the Urns of the Fathers of Stagnation.
 Gorbachev: Hands Off Lithuania.
 A Dictator Equals a President Without Election.
 Gorbachev Resign!
 Politburo Resign!
 A President Elected by the People!
 Socialism? No Thanks!

FATHER'S DAY - June 16

Each time I think about you
 And all you've done for me,
 I know how richly I've been blessed —
 How thankful I should be,
 And in my heart on Father's Day
 I say this loving prayer,
 "God bless you, living or dead,
 In all you do, and
 Keep you in His Care."

The Cost of Beer and a Big Mac.

What's the price of a beer and a Big Mac in Hamburg, Honolulu, Paris and San Diego?

	Local Beer	Big Mac
Hamburg	\$2.15	\$3.00
Honolulu	2.00	2.05
Paris	2.55	2.75
San Diego	2.50	1.89

Rev. John Petrauskas, MIC Invocation given for Lithuania's Independence

by Olga Kersis



Rev. John Petrauskas, MIC, was born in Gardner, MA. A Marian father, he has devoted most of his priestly life to Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, CT which is staffed and operated by the St. Casimir Province of Marian Fathers and Brothers. After a few years of teaching, he was appointed headmaster, a position Father held for about thirty years. Four years ago, in 1987, he was assigned to St. Casimir's in Worcester, MA where he continues to serve.

Father Petrauskas, pastor of St. Casimir's Church and spiritual director of C-26, was invited to give the invocation at the vigil for Lithuania's independence which was held on the City Hall Plaza in Worcester Center, between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m. on a very frigid Saturday, Feb. 16, 1991. Father's invocation follows:

We are gathered here this cold afternoon to demonstrate our support for Lithuania in her struggle to regain her independence.

Who are we? We are the second and third generation of hyphenated Americans — Lithuanian-Americans, with patriotic affection for both the land of our fathers and forefathers and for the land of our birth.

For us, both July 4, 1776 and February 16, 1918 are significant dates. For us, Concord Bridge, Bunker Hill and Valley Forge are familiar names. So are events leading up to February 16, 1918, events which began on Feb. 22 in the year 1236, some 650 years ago.

In more recent times, on June 15, 1940, following 22 years of independence, the Soviets occupied Lithuania and her citizens were deprived of political and religious freedom.

Private ownership was curtailed and thousands of men, women and children were transported in cattle cars to the frigid lands of Siberia.

There is a Lithuanian saying: He is unworthy of freedom who is unwilling to defend his freedom. On March 11, 1990, the Lithuanian parliament elected by democratic process, voted overwhelmingly to be once again a free and independent nation. This resolve was confirmed by a national referendum, under duress as recently as Feb. 10, with a substantial majority of affirmative votes. Unfortunately, blood has already been shed. In January, Soviet paratroopers seized Lithuania's television center in Vilnius, killing 15 peaceful demonstrators, one of them a young woman.

The struggle for independence is all one-sided. Lithuania's subjugators have, it is said, a sufficient supply of missiles to destroy, within a thirty minute interval, a nation as powerful as the United States. What option does that leave for tiny Lithuania?

There is hope, however. The Lithuanian flag still stands among those of other sovereign nations in the Office of the Secretary of State in Washington, DC, a sign of assurance that the government of the United States has never recognized the incorporation of Lithuania into the Soviet Union.

Recently, the Secretary of State made this statement: "We've made it very clear that we want to see the aspirations of the Baltic people for independence fulfilled." On Oct. 15, 1940, we heard the reassuring words of Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt: "Lithuania did not lose her independence. Lithuania's independence was only temporarily put aside. Time will come and Lithuania will be free again." I say, THAT time has come.

Lithuania is not asking for B-52's, smart bombs, or patriot missiles. Lithuania is only asking for implementation of the United States policy of "self determination" and moral support from the land of the free and the home of the brave. Our cause is just and our cause is right. So let us all work as diligently as though Lithuania's independence depended entirely on us, and let us all pray as though Lithuania's independence depended entirely on God.

May God bless each of you and all your efforts for the restoration of independence to Lithuania.

(Brief addresses at the Vigil were also delivered by City of Worcester officials, Peter Molis who heads the Worcester area of Lithuanian organizations, Eduardas Meilus, Jr., director of Worcester's Lithuanian radio program "Aušra" and Andrew Akstin.

RESOLUTIONS submitted to NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD by MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT at meeting of March 16, 1991 to be voted upon by delegates at 78th National Convention.

1. WHEREAS the current Knights of Lithuania Constitution stipulates that when an Associate Member becomes a Fourth Degree Knight, he/she may not be part of a Committee on the National level;

BE IT RESOLVED that the requirements of an Associate Member to become part of a National Committee, Section 3-e-2 of Article V, be amended to read:

“When an Associate member becomes a Fourth Degree Knight, he/she may be a delegate or alternate to a District or National Convention. He/she may not hold any office on the National level. He/she may be part of a committee on the National level.”

1. KADANGI dabartinis Lietuvos Vyčių statutas nurodo jog narys/ė bendradarbis/ė tapęs/usi Ketvirto laipsnio Vyčiu/Vyte negali dirbti Centro valdybos paskirtame komitete;

NUSPREŖSTA jog šie reikalavimai, apribojimą nario/ės bendradarbio/ės dalyvavima Centro valdybos paskirtame komitete (V-to skyriaus 3-e-2 skirsnelis), būtų pakeisti šitaip:

“Kai narys/ė bendradarbis/ė tampa ketvirtojo laipsnio Vyčiu/Vyte, jis/ji gali tapti renkamas/a į Centro Valdybą. Jis/ji turi teisėbūti renkamas/a į Centro valdybos komitetą”.

2. WHEREAS the current K of L constitution does not make provisions for a spiritual advisor to be assigned to

councils not associated with a particular parish;

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 1, Article XIII be amended to read:

“The Spiritual Advisor is the parish Pastor or his appointed assistant. If a council is not associated with a particular parish, or if necessary circumstances dictate, the Spiritual Advisor may be an ordained Roman Catholic Deacon. He serves the council members in fulfilling their religious duties and cooperates with the Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor in spiritual and religious programs. He acts as arbitrator in case of misunderstandings. He supervises the work of the council’s Spiritual Committee.”

2. KADANGI dabartinis Lietuvos Vyčių statutas nesudaro sąlygų dvasios vadui aptarnauti kuopai, kuri veiktų ne parapijos ribose:

NUSPREŖSTA jog XIII-to skyriaus 1-mas skirsnelis būtų pakeistas šitaip:

“Dvasios vadas yra parapijos klebonas arba jo paskirtas vikaras. Jeigu kuopa neveikia kurios nors parapijos ribose, arba jeigu ypatingos sąlygos diktuotų, dvasios vadu gali būti parinktas Romos SKatalikų Bažnyčios pašventintas dekanas. Jis patarnauja kuopos nariams atlikti religines pareigas ir bendradarbiauja su Centro Valdybos dvasios vadu dvasinėje-religinėje programoje. Iškilus nesusipratimams, jis užima arbitro vietą. Jis prižiūri religinių-dvasinių reikalų komisijos veikimą.”



K of L CALENDAR

June 21-23, 1991 - NED Retreat, Kennebunkport, ME.
June 27, 1991 - Day at the Races, C-24 Chicago, IL.
July 17, 1991 - Spirit of Knights of Lithuania Cruise, C-24 Chicago.
August 1-4, 1991 - 78th National Convention, Trade Winds, St. Petersburg Beach, FL. Hosts: National Executive Board.
September 14, 1991 - C-79 Southfield, MI Family Picnic.

September 22, 1991 - NED Fall Meeting, C-78 Lawrence, MA Hosts.
October 13, 1991 - Annual dinner-dance, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, NJ C-29 Newark Hosts
October 19, 1991 - C-16 Chicago - Western Carribean Cruise.
October 20, 1991 - NED Annual Cultural Festival, Marionis Park.
November 3, 1991 - C-79 Southfield, MI Fall Festival.



Lithuanian Kitchen

Lietuviška Virtuvė

DILL PICKLE SOUP

Raugintų Agurkų Sriuba

2 qts. meat stock	2 cups peeled, coarsely
2 cups diced raw potatoes	grated dillpickles
1 cup sour cream	2-3 Tbsp. flour

Add potatoes and grated dill pickle to meat stock in saucepan. Simmer for 30 mins. or until potatoes are soft. Fork blend flour into sour cream to form a smooth paste and slowly add sour cream mixture into simmering liquid. Continue to heat soup thoroughly but do not boil. *Bronė Wisniauskas*

MEAT AND BARLEY SAUSAGE

Vėdara

1-1/2 lbs. ground pork shoulder	1 small onion grated salt, pepper to taste
2 cups cooked barley	sausage casings
1 cup milk or meat stock	

Mix all ingredients well. Fill large clean sausage casings with mixture. Boil in salt water or place in baking dish and bake at 350° for about 50 mins.

*Helen Pahnke - Jubilee Gems Cookbook
Sisters of St. Casimir Auxiliary*

COLE SLAW

Kapustų Salotas

Shred a head of cabbage of desired size into bowl. Add oil to cabbage starting with 1 Tbsp. at a time. Add more oil as needed, mixing well to coat the cabbage very lightly. Let mixture stand for 5 mins. Add salt, pepper, onion powder to taste.

Add white vinegar, starting with 1 Tbsp. at a time, mixing well, and adding more vinegar to taste as needed. Allow cabbage to stand 5 mins. Pour off all excess liquid from bottom of bowl. Add smallest amount of mayonnaise to coat the cabbage. Place in serving dish and garnish with parsley.

Sylvia Bukas



STRAWBERRY PANCAKES

Braškes Lietiniai

1-1/4 cup flour	4 tsp. sugar
1/8 tsp. salt	1 qt. strawberries
2 eggs, well beaten	cleaned, sliced and
1/2 cup milk	sweetened with 2
1/2 tsp. vanilla	Tbsp. sugar
2 egg whites	Confectioner sugar for
	sprinkling.

Sift flour and salt in large bowl. With electric mixer, blend eggs, milk, vanilla. Make a well in center of flour and add egg mixture. Stir until blended. Set aside. Beat egg whites until frothy (use clean beater); add 1 tsp. sugar at a time and beat until round peaks are formed. Carefully fold whites into batter.

Heat griddle; lightly grease with butter. Add enough batter to make pancakes of desired size. Cook pancake until puffy, bubbly and brown on underside. Turn over once and brown other side. Transfer pancakes to warm platter and keep warm in oven until all pancakes are cooked. To serve, spoon sweetened strawberries on each pancake and roll. Place on individual platters and sift confectioner sugar over serving. Garnish with berries and sour cream.

LEMON CAKE

Citrinas Tortas

1 pkg. lemon cake mix	1/4 cup fresh lemon
1 - 3 oz. pkg. lemon juice	juice
3/4 cup oil	1 cup confectioners sugar
4 eggs	3 Tbsp. lemon juice
1/2 cup water	1 Tbsp. grated lemon
	peel

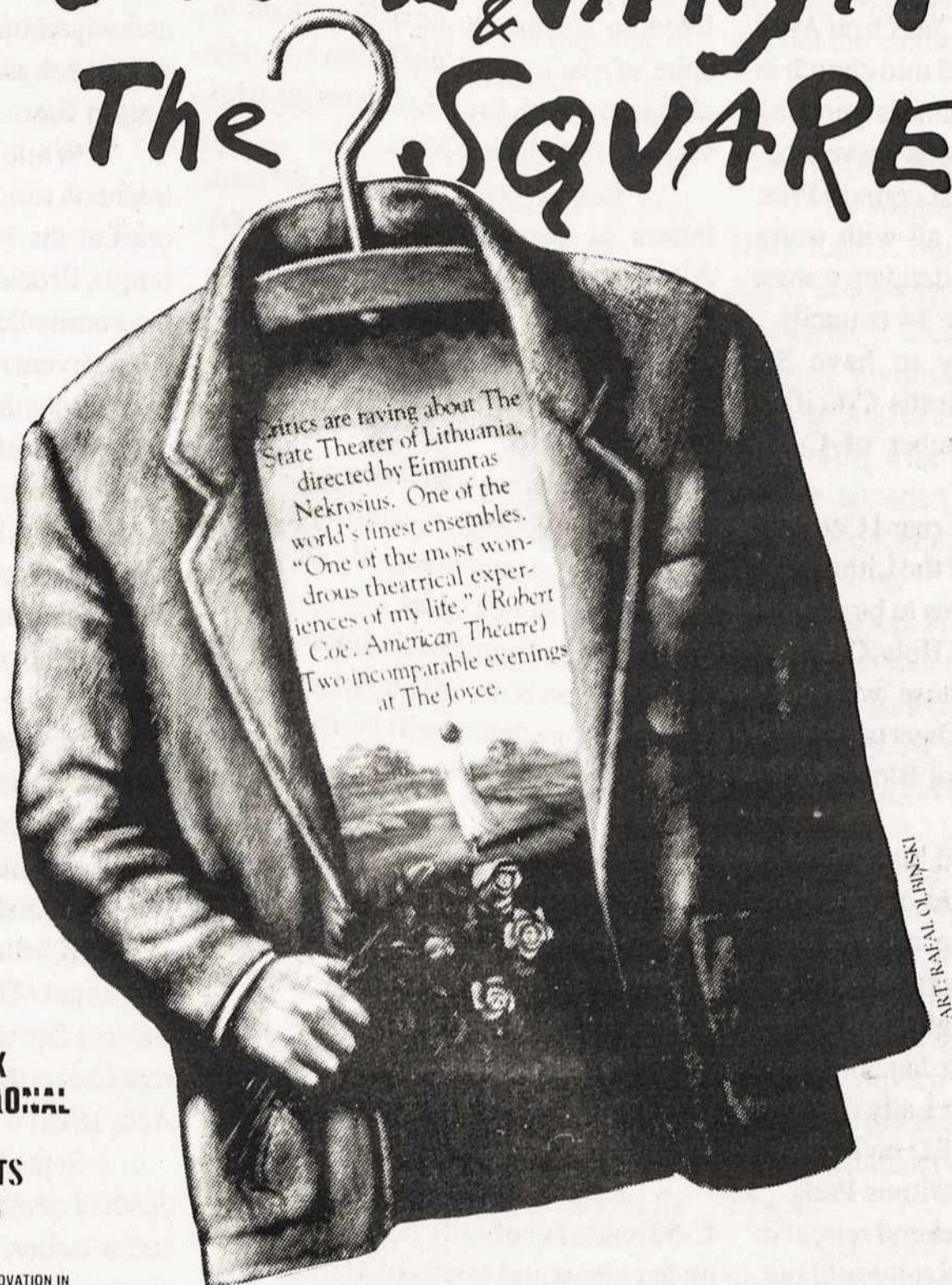
Heat oven to 350°. Butter and flour a 10" bundt pan. In large bowl, add cake mix, jello, oil, eggs, water, lemon juice and beat with electric mixer until smooth about 4 mins. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake about 45-50 mins. or until tester comes out clean. Cool cake in pan. Invert on wire rack. When cool, stir sugar, lemon juice and peel in a bowl until sugar is dissolved. Pierce cake with fork. Spoon glaze on cake and allow to drip down sides of cake.

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Council Activities Vyčiai Veikia

NEW ENGLAD DISTRICT

The Spring meeting of New England District was hosted by C-145, Holyoke at Holy Cross Church on April 28. Participants marched into church in a body for Mass. Business meeting followed. Coffee-and was served before and after Mass. Host council Pres. Nellie Ruggles greeted all with warm words of welcome. In attendance were delegates from 12 of the 14 councils.

We were happy to have Sr. Eugenia of Sisters of Jesus Crucified with us. She is a member of C-17, Boston.

His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Law invited members of the Lithuanian parishes and communities to be present at Mass at Cathedral of Holy Cross on June 16 to pray for those who died during the Tragic June Days of 1941 in Siberia and the victims of Bloody Sunday in Vilnius in Jan.

Peter Shapras and his wife gave a very emotional account of their visit to Lithuania after being away for 46 years. They tearfully reported the horror of the inhuman slaughter of peaceful, unarmed citizens on Jan. 14.

Holy Hour at Our Lady of Vilna was sponsored by the NED on May 19. A buffet followed at Marionis Park.

Space for the weekend retreat in Kennebunkport is completely sold out. Fr. Jurgelaitis will again be retreat master.

Delegates to Nat'l Convention in Florida are Rita Pinkus and Victor Mathieu. Alternates are Bertha Stoskas and Alice Perpenza. Congratulations to third degree recipients Eleanor Arnauskas of C-7, Lee Marcinka of C-141 and Arthur Racicot of C-26.

Andrew Akstin, Lithuanian Af-

fairs Chairman of C-116 Worcester spoke of meeting with Sen. Gary Hart who believes Lithuania will regain her freedom within the next few years in spite of the current difficulties. Andy also spoke with Pres. Landsbergis who visited USA during May.

Bertha Stoskas reported she sent letters to Bendroumenė, Vlikas and Altas inquiring why Andy was refused financial assistance for medical supplies to Lithuania, once the project had commenced. To date, no reply was received.

Since there were no applications received for scholarships this year, the fund will grow and hopefully someone will be named next year.

Irene Tamulevich reported on the 50 person bowl-off and its winners. Another tournament will be formed in the Fall.

Bridgeport Council reported a new Junior council consisting of 6 members in ages from 8 to 17. Pres. Clem Miller is the counselor.

Alma Torre of C-7 Waterbury is organizing a bus for the Florida convention. Round trip per person will be \$268 which will include one over-night stop each way.

Regina Karmuza of New Haven C-50 read a beautifully composed essay on her views and events of the National Convention held in Pittsburgh in 1990.

The fall convention will be hosted by C-78 Lawrence, MA on Sept. 22 at St. Francis Church, 94 Bradford St. Please attend.

On Oct. 20 the NED Festival will be held at Marionis Park. Each council is requested to sell raffle tickets for the scholarship fund. Councils are also requested to either have a table or

create some other type of fund-raiser. Volunteers from Bridgeport C-141 and Waterbury C-7 will be responsible for assisting in preparation of food.

Aldona Marcavage

C-1 BROCKTON, MA

No. 1 Council is not dead, buried and wiped off the face of the earth, but very much alive and well - just lost for a short time.

While many of the Vyčiai were intent on serious matters and the the fun ones at the Nat'l Convention in Pittsburgh, Brockton Council was celebrating Family Day at the Park. The cultural ethnic event represents about 15 different nationalities each displaying with pride their favorite foods and crafts. Of course, our Lithuanian dish of "dešros and kopustai" was a big hit. The many artifacts displayed helped to educate the visitors of the many wonderful facets of Lithuania.

A sure sign of the grand finale of summer is the Labor Day Picnic at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, home of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified. Thousands of people come from all over the New England District to delight in the famous "K" dinner of kielbasi, kopustai and kugel. This event is a tremendous success due to the many helping hands, especially the New England Vyčiai. Ačiū labai!

Sept. brought sadness with the death of one of our staunchest members and a leader, Peter Bizinkauskas. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his widow, Veronica, and family. May he rest in peace.

Oct. found us surrounded with the beauty of a New England fall and the New England District meeting. It was well attended. Last but certainly not least, much Christian fellowship was shared during the delicious meal. Time marches on! Before we had a chance to bid farewell to the golden

leaves, we found ourselves planning a Kučios supper. What a superb celebration - fit for a king! Sisters of Jesus Crucified let us use their beautiful convent dining room. With the help of So. Boston, we had a truly prayerful experience. About 125 people broke bread, wished each other peace and shared our traditional meatless meal. We were blessed to have three visitors from Lithuania who shared their dream and tears of a free Lithuania.

Would you believe, we finally caught up to 1991. February was busy with many events. On Feb. 8 we had our annual Snowflake Ball at the Canoe Club. It was a wonderful event. King and queen were selected and presented with flowers. About 200 attended. A special surprise was planned for Ronnie Bizinkauskas at this affair. In the midst of polkas, the music was interrupted to announce her 60th birthday. Happy Birthday and *Ilgiausią Metų* to such a wonderful person.

We should really rename February as "Lithuania Concern Month". For 4 days, Brockton radio listeners heard Pres. Bill Pribusauskas talk about the current affairs taking place in Lithuania and Brockton. On Feb. 15 our mayor signed a proclamation concerning Lithuania's Independence Day. In the evening, a candlelight vigil was held at the church remembering those who died on Jan. 14 defending the TV tower in Lithuania. After Mass on Feb. 17, a motorcade rode through Brockton to the Center where the flag-raising ceremony took place. The Lithuanian flag flew over Brockton for the week and the street's name was changed to Gediminas Way. The day concluded with a cultural program at St. Casimir's Church Hall. On Feb. 24 another motorcade travelled to downtown Brockton to participate in the lowering of the flag. The Sandara Club sponsored a delicious dinner. At all events, our *Vyčiai*

were noticeably present.

With the passing of time so quickly, the strains of Alleluia are being echoed throughout the world. Alleluia!!

Daisy - Ruta

C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

An Easter Festival was enjoyed by our members at our April meeting in charge of Brone Wisniauskas. The egg rolling contest was won by Bill Wisniauskas. The nicest margutis prize was taken by Emilie Bouttlier. Clara Zetkauskas had the strongest egg.

Council members thank the Holyoke Council for their kind hospitality at the NED Spring meeting.

The Men's State Ten Pin Bowling Tournament was held at the Gardner Ten Pins. The owner is Steve Budevick, nephew of Bill Wisniauskas. More than 5,000 first class bowlers participated during the eight weekends of April and May. The tournament drew wide spread publicity in the area.

Condolences are extended to the Melaika and Zilinsky families on the death of their beloved mother, Pauline, at age 96. Daughters Nel and Anne are long time K of L's. On the occasion of the first anniversary of the death of our late beloved member, Frank Anoris, let us remember him with a prayer. May the Lord bless him with eternal rest.

Member Joanna Chastney does an exceptional job at decorating the altars of St. Francis. Joanna is appreciated by all.

Congratulations are in order to Fr. Albin Yankauskas on the occasion of his 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Sophie Fiorentino's son has fully recovered following a recent heart attack.

St. Francis parish whist party netted close to two grand through the efforts of many. Several big projects are being planned in the near future.

A reporter from the Gardner News interviewed Brone & Bill Wisniauskas on Lithuanian Easter customs and recipes. The article was almost a full page.

Former chaplain, Rev. Joseph Jurgelonis, is one busy priest. he was recently appointed pastor of two country parishes. We all miss you and wish you well in the challenging assignment.

Vincukas

C-26 WORCESTER, MA

To insure that we celebrate a Holy Easter, our spiritual advisor Fr. John Petrauskas, MIC, led a penitential service for C-26 the week before Easter. Visiting confessor was Fr. Shepeta, MIC, of Marianapolis.

HM Rita Pinkus and HM Ann Bender attended the National Executive Board meeting in New Haven, CT on March 16.

We would be remiss indeed if we were not to mention the loyalty of the Athol-Gardner council to all our Worcester affairs. At the most recent affair, we had 19 in attendance. Thank you, neighbors.

Welcome and warm wishes to our newest member, Virginia S. Bloom who recently joined our council. Happily, Frances Kulakusky's eye surgery went very well. Sincere condolences to Irene Mamavich and members of her family on the death of her brother Joseph (Katauskas) Kay who died in March.

Co-chairpersons Eleanor & Stephen Walinsky, Jr. and committee planned a gala celebration of our council's 75th diamond jubilee. Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated on May 5. Brunch followed.

Anna Kersis was honored by members and well wishers in March upon her retirement after 60 years as financial secretary of Marionis Park, Lithuanian Charitable Society. Pres. Kazys Adomavicius presented Anna

with a very generous purse and a special radio to listen to broadcasts from Lithuania. A buffet followed. A happy memory!

Jack Kazlauskas missed the parish dinner to attend the Massachusetts State Gymnast Finals. His 9-year old son, Michael, participated - a champion gymnast with a bright future.

We recently heard that Peter Carroll was involved in a serious automobile accident on Thanksgiving Day. Thank the Lord, he is now fully recovered.

Joan Peciulis Guenther, daughter of Eva & John Peciulis, is author of a recently published cookbook, "Simply Elegant - Low-fat Choices." We wish Joan well.

A cruise to the warm waters of the Caribbean was recently enjoyed by Lillian Kondrotas, Victoria Augustine and Aldona Waska. We add to the list of those who use spare time for good purposes: Virginia Walent, Antoinette Ivaska, Ann Bucinkas and Ann Walinsky who sewed aprons or knitted hats and gloves to benefit St. Vincent Hospital.

OLGA

C-52 ELIZABETH, NJ

Fr. Joseph Pragulbickas celebrated his 88th birthday in April. He will celebrate the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 23 with Mass of Thanksgiving to be followed by a dinner in the parish hall. We congratulate Fr. Joe.

Monica Barcas and daughter Monica Roberts spent a spring vacation in Mexico. Monica's son, John, is a member of the State Department in Washington. He spent two terms in the Peace Corps in Africa. Another son, Joseph, is a radiologist at St. Elizabeth Hospital. Daughter Monica teaches in Sacred Heart College, Bridgeport, CT.

Since 1972, Bertha Tumas Delasey has been arranging pilgrimages to Franciscan Monastery and Shrine of St. Anthony in Kennebunkport, ME. We appreciate her services.

William Senkus

C-79 SOUTHFIELD, MI

At our April meeting there were no decisions of great importance that were made. We had what one member called "a laid-back" kind of meeting.



75th Anniversary C-36 Chicago. Several priests at the altar during Mass with Pres. Evelyn Ozelis reading the Scripture reading.

Everyone was agreeable to all suggestions made. The social hour was pleasant.

We voted on our annual donation to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Stella Hotra, our cultural chairlady, read a humorous article about the oldest living person in the world. She is 135-year old Barbara Yosaitis, a Lithuanian still living. She was interviewed by a Guinness Book of Records representative and will be included in their statistics. What brought a chuckle was her remark, "I credit my longevity to the fact that I never had anything to do with a man."

At this writing, two members are hospitalized. Anthony Repshas in Florida suffered a heart attack and Leonard Salas with hypertension problem. In our prayers, let us also remember our members confined in nursing homes - HM Anthony Dainus in the University Convalescent Center and Marie Kase in Dorvin Nursing Home, both in Livonia.

Our family picnic will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14 and the Fall Festival on Sunday, Nov. 3. Members and friends are asked to circle these dates on their calendars. A reminder to members - our meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month.

Bee Jay

C-100 AMSTERDAM, NY

On April 1, Lithuanian Easter hymns under direction of Billy Dubickas, organist, were sung at Lithuanian Mass held prior to our council meeting.

Pres. Tice welcomed back Bill Jasewicz and Walter Malkowicz who were on the sick list. Sophie Olbie reported on the Feb. 16 commemoration and Betty Kuzmich commented on the Communion Brunch held in March. Polly Ziausys read a humorous article on Lithuanian traditions associated with Easter eggs.

A donation was made to the Scholarship Fund in memory of former

Amsterdaman Albert Zakarka. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his family. He was a devoted K of L'er and will be missed by all.

Father Baltch summarized the situation in Lithuania and announced that \$400 was donated by the Rector of Oslo University, Norway, to Pres. Landsbergis for medical aid. Irene Tice, Gerard Drenzek, Mirga Bablin, Regina Kot and Polly Ziausys were delegates to the MAD meeting held in Maspeth.

Our thoughts, including our Juniors, are with Sabina Henson, on the loss of her husband and mother. May they rest in peace.

Snacks were prepared and served by Bonnie Malkewicz, Helen Zytkowski, Irene Tice and Nancy Yakas. We all enjoyed the Lithuanian delicacies.

SMILE & SPARKLE

C-110 MASPETH, NY

Our members continued to appeal to Senators and other politicians to help Lithuania obtain her freedom. In April, after Mass in Annunciation Church, Brooklyn, C-110 members Alphonse Marcel, Ed & Fran Jakatt, Alice & Norbert Laukaitis, Ann Ackalitis, Helen Matulonis, Jean, Brian & Bruno Rutkunas attended the farewell banquet at the church hall for the "Cirlionis" Choir from Cleveland. Their singing during Mass was inspiring and greatly appreciated by all on this occasion celebrating the 25th year of the Lithuanian Radio program hosted by Romas Kezys.

Our April meeting was brief with members helping set-up the church hall for Sunday's Dinner-Dance. With bagels, cream cheese and a whipped cream birthday cake, all members wished Msgr. Bulovas a Happy Birthday and Ilgiausiu Metu.

Our hard working and dedicated Ritual Chairlady Amy Girdauskas announced that Frances Migliore and Anthony Yakaitis are eligible for the

4th Degree. Also, that Sophie Ferone, Charles Fogelman and Casimir Sypowicz are eligible to the 2nd Degree. Over 100 members have responded to our Fund-Raising raffle for Lithuanian Catholic Relief.

The Dinner-Dance held in April was a sellout. Over 240 guests attended. We were also able at that time to get signatures petitioning Pres. Bush to stop the military abuses against the Lithuanian people, noting the April 24 and 25 take-over of 12 additional buildings in Lithuania

Among our many attendees, it was noted that Mary Shalins, Mary & Anthony Kober helped to make this affair a great success. Thanks to all for your support and a special Ačiū to Chairlady Maria Stungurys along with John Girdauskas, Peter Zuyus, Roman Wensek and Jimmy Grinder for assisting. Thanks also to the huge number of members that sold tickets to the affair. Joe Thomas and his band certainly kept us moving!

Condolences are sent to family of Genevieve Bugenis, our member who passed away after a short illness. A K of L wake service was held at the funeral home attended by Msgr. Bulovas, He-

len Matulonis, Peter Zuyus, Sophie & Roman Wensek, Isabel Valentine, Pat McCormick, Ann Akalitis, Jean, Brian & Bruno Rutkunas. May she rest in peace.

Bruno Rutkunas

C-141 BRIDGEPORT, CT

C-141 was busy with a letter-writing and telephone campaign to our politicians. Our concern for Lithuania is an on-going resolve.

Delegates who traveled to Holyoke to the NED Spring meeting were Ann Petrus, Clem Miller, Lee Marcinka, Aldona & Peter Peters and Aldona & Bob Marcavage.

We are happy to have Helen Janiunas home from the hospital after suffering a heart attack. Stay well.

Our happy wanderers are home. Pat & Bob Silk returned from Hawaii with lovely tans. Barbara & Paul Schmidt are back from Germany. Lee & John Marcinka had a pleasant experience at Shannon Airport on their way to Ireland. They overheard six young men speaking Lithuanian. Approaching them, they learned they were from the Kaunas University of Technology and were returning a visit from their peers



MAMD Third Degree recipients: Rev. John Savukynas, Virginia Buzemas and Theresa Vaitkus with Anna Marie Kasel at the podium.



C-141 Bridgeport celebrated Msgr. Pranckus birthday with Atty & Mrs. Kanasky joining Msgr. and Pres. Clem Miller.

from Indianapolis University. Agnes Lazdauskas is preparing to go to Lithuania to visit with her sister.

So far this year we gained eight new members: Regina Wright, Carol & Raymond Buzak, Rose & Peter Januska, James Medgensis, Maryanne & Edward Yokstas. To date, total membership is 73.

The Marcinauskas have two guests from Lithuania. They had an opportunity to experience our democratic system by a visit to Con. Chris Shays at his office. Shays ended the visit by asking, "What can I Do to Help Lithuania?"

On Oct. 20, Bridgeport and Waterbury councils will be responsible for assisting in preparation and serving food at the Annual Cultural Festival at Marionis Park. *Aldona Marcavage*

C-144 ANTHRACITE, PA

Anthracite Council arranged delivery of a collection of scientific books for shipment to Lithuania at the April meeting. Bernie Zilaitis and Joseph Martunas delivered the books to LCRA in Brooklyn.

Fin. Sec. Chesko reported a paid up membership of 232 to date. We are happy to have 8 of our county's Lithuanian priests on our membership list.

Members signed up to travel by chartered bus to the Amber District meeting on June 9. C-3 hosted the meeting at St. George's Church in Phila. In March, C-144 hosted the Amber District with a Lithuanian Mass and

buffet luncheon at Our Lady of Siluva. Eleanor Yancofski, assisted by Helen Labadis and Anna Yockachonis, chaired the successful event. Many thanks to Fr. Jarasunas, the committee and members for their attendance and contributions.

Nat'l Pres. Anne Wargo and Helen Chesko attended the National Executive Board meeting in New Haven in March and plan to motor to Detroit for the next meeting on June 16.

Bishop Juozas Zemaitis from Lithuania visited the Anthracite region on June 5. He was the guest of Fr. Jarasunas. The council hosted a reception in his honor following Mass. We were pleased to have a distinguished visitor from Lithuania.

Nellie Denchy, a long time second degree member passed away suddenly on April 20. Fr. Jarasunas and Pres. Olympia Zelinski conducted the wake service at the viewing which was attended by council members. May she rest in peace.

Sat., June 15, was Lithuanian Day of Prayer at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown. Members attended.

C-153 TREASURE COAST, FL

Our council sponsored a concert with guest soloists from Lithuania, Aldona Vilčinskaitė Kisielienė and Asta Kriksčiunaitė at St. Paul Church Hall. Louis Stukas was the accompanist at this concert.



C-133 Los Angeles Officers (l to r) Laima Baltrenas, fin. sec., Jonas Sturas, Vytis corres., Robert Novak, vice pres., Marytė Sepikas, pres., Arunas Barkus, past pres., Dennis Petras, treas., Bernice Skirius, vice pres..

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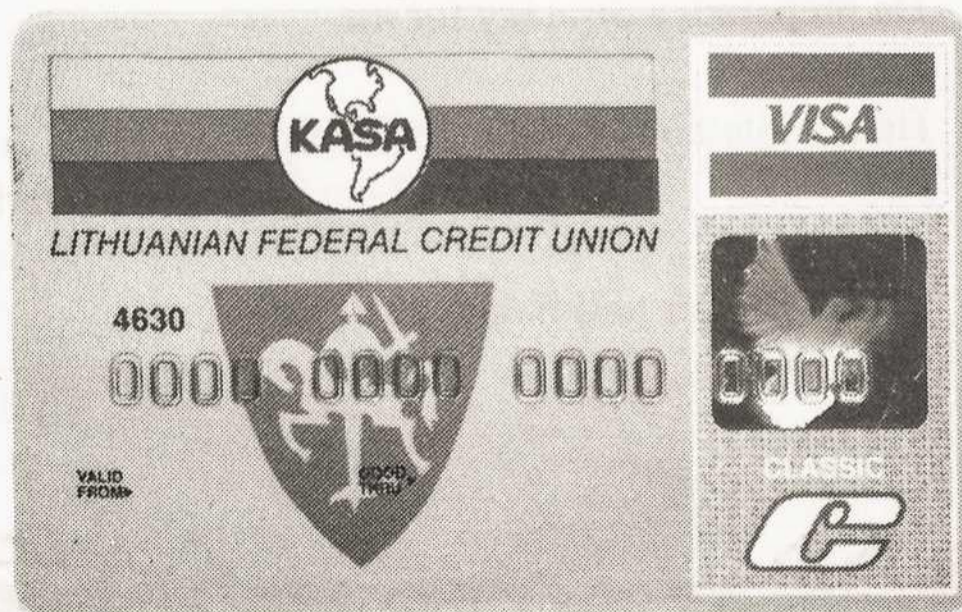
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 down Green Fairways,

He leadeth me Safely
 across Still Water-Hazards.

He restoreth my Approach Shots.

He leadeth me in the Paths of
 Accuracy for my Game's Sake

Yea, though I chip through the
 Roughs in the shadows of
 Sand Traps, I will fear no Bogies.

For his Advice is with me,

His Putter and Irons,
 they comfort me.

He prepareth a Strategy for me

He anointeth my head with Confidence,
 The Cup will not be runneth over!

Surely Birdies and Eagles shall follow